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FOR APPLICATION FOR UNITED STATES PATENT**

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HYDROGEN ABSORBING TANK APPARATUS

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Japanese Patent Application No. HEI 10-270995, filed on September 25, 1998

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